

At a Special meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on May 4, 2022;

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: William E. Reichert , President; Walter M.O. Steere, III, Vice President; Stephen Arnold; and David Laplante

Member absent: William A. Worthy, Jr.

Also Present: David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Pending Litigation: R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2) Session pertaining to potential litigation, or work sessions pertaining to litigation For Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to: RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Session pertaining to potential litigation, or work sessions pertaining to litigation for Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Reichert requested the Clerk to poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Laplante -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye

MOTION PASSED

Council decided to take the open session item out of order.

Councilor Steere withdrew his motion and Councilor Arnold withdrew his second.

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

1. Discussion and/or Action : Approval of dates for 2022

Discussion: K. Lamontagne, Parade Chair, gave an explanation as to the reasons the Parade Committee voted to approve moving the parade from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Lamontagne stated that the main reason was to attract more volunteers and participants in order to provide a better parade for the town. K. Lamontagne stated that she leaves it to the discretion of the Council as to the date. K. Lamontagne stated that the meeting complied with Open Meetings Act in terms of notice about the date being considered. Councilor Steere offered his appreciation for the hard work K. Lamontagne and her committee do but in his opinion the parade should remain on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Steere made a suggestion that maybe town boards and commissions could become involved to help. K. Lamontagne suggested that the Councilors each volunteer 1-2 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> to help and she will accept the 4<sup>th</sup> as the parade day. Councilor Arnold stated his appreciation for the tradition of having the parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> but stated his opinion that the date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> does not matter to him. Councilor Laplante stated a point of order to bring the Council back on track of the date. Councilor Laplante stated that his opinion that the date does not matter as the parade is going away due to less participants, volunteers and crowds.

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante to change the parade date this year from Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated that if the parade is moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> then the Council should expect a lot of complaints. Councilor Steere stated that the parade has been going on for 95 years; that we will always have competition with the Bristol parade and the the several people he has spoken to lean towards the parade being on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Steere suggested going to the Boards and Commissions to get help.

Councilor Arnold with drew his second

Councilor Laplante with drew his motion

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to hold the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS- Laplante

MOTION PASSED

- IV. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:  
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MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to: RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Session pertaining to potential litigation, or work sessions pertaining to litigation for Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Reichert requested the Clerk to poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Laplante -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Reconvene Open Session - Disclose one (1) vote was taken in Executive Session and to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ADJOURN at 8:55 P.M. ; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold,, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

